

cation of their rural property.

The David Woods family, the musical group Abakadubi and their supporters are putting on a series of fund-raising events beginning with a concert at 7:30 pm Friday, Sept. 12 at the WOW Hall. The event is billed as a "Freedom for All, Freedom of Choice" benefit concert with The Radar Angels, Bloody Castles, Samba Ja, and Abakadubi.

"I am stunned by heavy handed police tactics used on the thinnest pretexts against people who are widely known to be peaceful, and followed by the threat of enormous and disproportionate punishment," says a neighbor identified only as Larry, on the



band's website. "If we don't speak out, sooner or later it is our turn. The truth is, anything we can do to help the Woods right now will help us all."

More details on the raid, upcoming events, and how to contribute to the Woods Defense Fund can be found at www.abakadubi.com —TJT

LABOR NOTES

Union members from across the state gathered this week at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Corvallis to join SEIU Local 49 to pressure for settlement on a first contract with hospital workers.

The 330 health care workers, including CNAs, phlebotomists, surgery assistants and physical therapy aides, joined SEIU a year ago and have been bargaining with management for their first contract for about eight months.

The workers are seeking a stronger voice in patient care, lower turnover rates and affordable health insurance for their families, according to Rob Nosse of the bargaining team.

The informational picketing and rally this week corresponds with the Oregon AFL-CIO convention in Albany Sept. 7-10.

TREK FOR TREES

The fifth annual Trek for Trees pledge bike ride for Cascadia Forest Defenders is now scheduled for Sept. 13-14, and the bikers will be leaving Eugene at 9 am. The event was originally scheduled for Aug 2-3 but was postponed due to logging at Straw Devil.

This year's event is called the "Winberry Victory Ride" in honor of the recent success at Winberry following a four-plus year tree-sit and public outreach campaign, say organizers. "We are now focused on defending Straw Devil where we are maintaining multiple tree-sits, as well as Pryor, East Devil, and the Upper North/Warm Springs timber sales."

The 70-mile ride and camping trip begins at EWEB Plaza Fountain and winds along scenic waterways and into the forests of the Winberry Creek watershed. Most of the ride will be on the bike path and back roads, but busy roads will be included in the route where necessary.

Pledge forms are available at 454 Willamette St., #205 or next door at Morning Glory Cafe. For more information, call 684-8977.

LOOK AT ME!

Robert Canaga Gallery is inviting local folks to send in digital image self-portraits for an on-going web show called "Look at Me! Look at Me!"

Canaga says he did a Polaroid self-portrait show at his old gallery in 2001 and "it was very well received, so I figured we could do it on the web for fun." He says there are no prizes, no fees, "just a chance to show your face to the world and get a link."

The images can be in any medium (painting, photography, sculpture, etc.) and should be e-mailed to rcg@robertcanagagallery.com or visit <http://robertcanagagallery.com>

"I really want this to grow out of control," he says.

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